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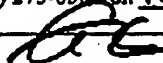
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I, Adan Ayala, PTO Reg. No. 38,373, hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office Fax No. (571) 273-8300 on 10-30-06

 Adan Ayala

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office action of August 8, 2006.

Currently in the above-identified application therefore are Claims 1-15.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-15 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 5,447,085 ("Gochnauer"), in view of US Published Application No. 2002/0174755 ("Behne") and further in view of US Patent No. 6,170,370 ("Sommerville").

Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

As admitted by the Examiner, Gochnauer does not teach that "the arbor be[] arranged for adjustably supporting the circular saw blade" as called for in Claims 1 and 9. The Examiner relies on Behne to provide such missing element. However, Behne should be disqualified as prior art pursuant to 35 USC § 103(c), as Behne is owned by the owner of the present application. Applicant